

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to ~~claim 1,~~ claim 41, wherein if it is determined at a time when a predetermined period has been elapsed from the notifying of the detection information to the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals, that the users have not accessed the detection information, the detection information is notified to the ~~second external apparatus~~apparatus other than the portable terminals.
3. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, ~~claim 1,~~ wherein the detection information is notified to the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals a predetermined number of times; and

when it is determined after the predetermined number times of the notifying, that the users have not accessed the detection information, the detection information is notified to the ~~second external apparatus~~apparatus other than the portable terminals.
4. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, ~~claim 1,~~ wherein when the detected physical phenomenon has a particular content, the detection information is notified to the ~~second external apparatus~~ other than the portable terminals without waiting for the determining as to whether or not the users of the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals have accessed the notified detection information.
5. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, ~~claim 1,~~ wherein the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals is different from the detection information notified to the ~~second external apparatus~~ other than the portable terminals in content.

6. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 5, the detection information notified to the ~~second~~-external apparatus other than the portable terminals includes information indicating as to whether or not the users have accessed the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatuses; portable terminals~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, claim 1, further comprising:

receiving from the ~~first external apparatuses; portable terminals~~ access completion information indicating that the users have accessed the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatuses; portable terminals~~; and

when the access completion information is received, determining that the users have accessed the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatuses; portable terminals~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, claim 1, wherein the access completion information is an e-mail.

9. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, claim 1, wherein the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatuses; portable terminals~~ includes at least one of still image and moving image of the detected physical phenomenon.

10. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, claim 1, wherein the information notified to the ~~second~~-external apparatus other than the portable terminals is a non-image.

11. (Currently Amended) An information notifying method according to claim 41, claim 1, wherein the notifying comprises notifying the detection information to the ~~first external apparatuses; portable terminals~~ by e-mail.

12. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, ~~claim 1~~, wherein the notifying comprises notifying the detection information to the ~~first external apparatus~~portable terminals by voice utilizing telephone lines.

13. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, ~~claim 1~~,

wherein the notifying comprises:

notifying the detection information to the ~~first external apparatus~~portable terminals by e-mail; and

when it is determined that the users have not accessed the detection information notified by the e-mail, notifying the detection information to the ~~first external apparatus~~portable terminals by voice utilizing telephone lines.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, ~~claim 1~~, further comprising notifying to the ~~first external apparatus~~portable terminals that the detection information has been notified to the ~~second external apparatus~~apparatus other than the portable terminals.

17. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, ~~claim 1~~, wherein the detection information includes information used to grasp content of the physical phenomenon.

18. (Currently Amended) The information notifying method according to claim 41, ~~claim 1~~, wherein the determining comprises determining as to whether or not the users of the ~~first external apparatus~~portable terminals have accessed the notified detection information on a basis of information indicating as to whether or not the ~~first external apparatus~~portable terminals are in a state where the ~~first external apparatus~~portable terminals can receive the detection information.

19-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to ~~claim 21, claim 42,~~ wherein when the determination unit determines that the users have not accessed the detection information at a time when a predetermined period has been elapsed since the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~first-external apparatuses, portable terminals,~~ the second notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~second-external apparatus,~~ apparatus other than the portable terminals.

23. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, claim 21,

wherein the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~first external apparatuses, portable terminals~~ a predetermined number of times; and

when the determination unit determines after the first notification notifies the predetermined number of times, that the users have not accessed the detection information, the second notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~second-external apparatus,~~ apparatus other than the portable terminals.

24. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, claim 21, wherein when the detected physical phenomenon has a particular content, the second notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~second-external apparatus~~ other than the portable terminals without waiting that the determination unit determinates as to whether or not the users of the ~~first-external apparatuses, portable terminals~~ have accessed the notified detection information.

25. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, claim 21, wherein the detection information notified to the ~~first-external apparatuses, portable terminals~~ is different from the detection information notified to the ~~second-external apparatus~~ other than the portable terminals in content.

26. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the second notification unit notifies to the ~~second-external apparatus~~ other than

the portable terminals the detection information including information indicating as to whether or not the users have accessed the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatus;~~portable terminals.

27. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, ~~claim 21,~~ wherein the determination unit receives from the ~~first external apparatus;~~portable terminals, access completion information indicating that the users have accessed the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatuses;~~portable terminals; and

when the determination unit receives the access completion information, the determination unit determines that the users have accessed the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatuses;~~portable terminals.

28. (Previously Presented) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the access completion information is an e-mail.

29. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, ~~claim 21,~~ wherein the detection information notified to the ~~first external apparatuses;~~portable terminals includes at least one of still image and moving image of the detected physical phenomenon.

30. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, ~~claim 21,~~ wherein the information notified to the ~~second external apparatus~~ other than the portable terminals is a non-image.

31. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, ~~claim 21,~~ wherein the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~first external apparatuses;~~portable terminals by e-mail.

32. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, ~~claim 21,~~ wherein the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~first external apparatuses;~~portable terminals by voice utilizing telephone lines.

33. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, claim 21,

wherein the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals by e-mail; and

when the determination unit determines that the users have not accessed the detection information notified by the e-mail, the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals by voice utilizing telephone lines.

34-35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, claim 21, wherein the first notification unit notifies information indicating that the detection information has been notified to the ~~second external apparatus,~~other than the portable terminals to the ~~first external apparatuses,~~portable terminals.

37. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, claim 21, wherein the detection information includes information used to grasp content of the physical phenomenon.

38. (Currently Amended) The information notifying apparatus according to claim 42, claim 21, the determination unit determines as to whether or not the users of the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals have accessed the notified detection information, on a basis of information indicating as to whether or not the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals are in a state where the ~~first external apparatuses~~portable terminals can receive the detection information.

39-40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) An information notifying method comprising:
supervising physical phenomenon of a predetermined supervision area;

when the physical phenomenon is detected by the supervising, notifying
detection information indicating that the physical phenomenon is detected to each of a
plurality of portable terminals while giving priority to a portable terminal closest to the
supervision area based on location information of each portable terminal, the location
information being detected by using location detection function of each portable terminal;
~~first external apparatuses;~~

determining as to whether or not users of the portable terminals ~~first external
apparatuses~~ have accessed the notified detection information; and

when it is determined that all of the users of the plurality of portable terminals
~~first external apparatuses~~ have not accessed the detection information, notifying the detection
information to a ~~second~~ an external apparatus, wherein: apparatus other than the portable
terminals.

~~the plurality of first external apparatuses are portable terminals, respectively;~~
and

~~the notifying to the first external apparatuses comprises notifying the detection
information to the plurality of first external apparatuses while giving priority to a portable
terminal closest to the supervision area based on location information of each portable
terminal, the location information detected by using location detection function of each
portable terminal.~~

42. (Currently Amended) An information notifying apparatus comprising:
- a supervision unit adapted to supervise physical phenomenon in a
predetermined supervision area;
 - a first notification unit adapted to notify detection information indicating that
the physical phenomenon has been detected to each of a plurality of portable terminals while
giving priority to a portable terminal closest to the supervision area based on location
information of each portable terminal, the location information detected by using location

~~detection function of each portable terminal first external apparatuses~~ when the physical phenomenon has been detected by the supervision unit,

a determination unit adapted to determine as to whether users of the ~~first external apparatuses~~ portable terminals have accessed the notified detection information, and

a second notification unit adapted to notify the detection information to a ~~second~~ an external apparatus other than the portable terminals when the determination unit determines that the users have not accessed the notified detection ~~information,~~ wherein: information.

~~the plurality of first external apparatuses are portable terminals, respectively;~~
and

~~the first notification unit notifies the detection information to the plurality of first external apparatuses while giving priority to a portable terminal closest to the supervision area based on location information of each portable terminal, the location information detected by using location detection function of each portable terminal.~~